

House Resolution 34 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

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1 A Resolution honoring the life of Major General
2 Grenville M. Dodge and commemorating the
3 sesquicentennial of the conclusion of the American
4 Civil War.

5 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa contributed more men
6 per capita than any other state to the Union military
7 forces, including Major General Grenville M. Dodge who
8 was sent to Washington, D.C., to secure arms for the
9 Iowa volunteers; and

10 WHEREAS, General Dodge served in the Civil War with
11 unflinching leadership during a critical time in our
12 country's history; and

13 WHEREAS, General Dodge devised an intelligence
14 gathering system for General Ulysses S. Grant,
15 which served as a precursor to the modern Military
16 Intelligence Corps of the United States Army, and which
17 ultimately shortened the war and saved many American
18 lives; and

19 WHEREAS, General Dodge demonstrated his logistical
20 expertise by managing the construction and
21 reconstruction of railroads, bridges, and telegraph
22 lines necessary for the Union war effort; and

23 WHEREAS, General Dodge, one of Council Bluffs' most
24 famous residents, met with President Abraham Lincoln
25 in Council Bluffs to choose the starting point of

1 the Union Pacific Railroad and has been called "the
2 greatest railroad builder of all time"; and

3 WHEREAS, near the conclusion of the Civil War, as
4 a symbol of national unity and reunification of the
5 country, leaders encouraged General Dodge to assume
6 the duties of Chief Engineer of the Union Pacific
7 Railroad; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
9 the House of Representatives commemorates the 150th
10 anniversary of the end of the hostilities between Union
11 and Confederate forces on April 9, 1865; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
13 Representatives honors the life of Major General
14 Grenville M. Dodge, and the lives and contributions
15 of all Iowans who labored and fought to preserve
16 the Union, and all those Iowans who, following such
17 service, continued to serve the State of Iowa and the
18 United States of America.